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Mr. Lester Snow,
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RE: Scheduled Public Workshops on Proposed Draft Alternative

Dear Mr. Snow:

I recently received your announcement that Public Workshops are scheduled to discuss the Proposed Draft Alternative. These workshops are to begin January 12th and continue through January 28th. For all sessions the announced meeting lead-time is very short.

My question is very simple. How can you legitimately schedule "workshop type meetings" that include question-and-answer periods before the Revised Phase II Report is available for general public review?

During a phone call on Wednesday January 6, 1999 your staff indicated that very few of the Revised Phase II Reports had been sent out and that it might take another two weeks to complete the mailing. We have not received ours.

Scheduling meetings to discuss a complex subject without allowing the public and other interested parties ample time to read and assimilate information is a bad idea. You will not receive public comment that is informed and meaningful, nor can you expect knowledgeable questions.

I would welcome your thoughts about rescheduling the Public Workshops or adding a complete new schedule sometime after the second week of February.

Sincerely,



William H. Reynolds

CC: Senator Patrick Johnston
Assemblyman Mike Machado